

STATE OF MONTANA

1955

NATIVE UPLAND GAME BIRD SEASONS

1955

General Regulations governing the taking of Blue, Ruffed, Franklin's (Fool Hen), Sharp-tailed and Sage Grouse (Sage Hen). Ring-necked Pheasant and Hungarian Partridge season will be determined at a later date. (There will be no season on Chukar Partridge.)

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT: Two (2) or three (3) birds in the aggregate depending upon area.

In the counties where the season is open for both mountain grouse and prairie grouse, a daily bag for each species may be taken.

MEANS OF TAKING: Shooting hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Upland Game Birds may be taken with a shotgun not larger than ten-gauge with the exception that Blue, Ruffed and Franklin's Grouse may also be taken with a rifle.

All State and Federal Game Preserves and areas closed for the propagation of game birds shall be closed to the hunting of Upland Game Birds.

Taking of Game Birds on public highways is prohibited by law.

OPEN SEASONS AND DATES

MOUNTAIN GROUSE in 29 Western Montana Counties:

The following counties, or portions thereof, shall be open to the hunting of Blue, Ruffed and Franklin's Grouse from September 18, 1955 through October 2, 1955 with a daily bag and possession limit of three mountain grouse: Lincoln, Flathead, Sanders, Lake, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli, Granite, Powell, Deer Lodge, Silver Bow, Beaverhead, Madison, Pondera, Teton, Lewis and Clark, Chouteau, Cascade, Judith Basin, Fergus (with the exception of the Judith Mountains north of Highway 87 which are closed to protect the wild turkey plant), Meagher, Wheatland, Golden Valley, Gallatin, Park, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, Carbon and Broadwater north and east of the Missouri River.

Jefferson County, and Broadwater County west of the Missouri River, shall be closed to mountain grouse hunting.

PRAIRIE GROUSE (Five Different Seasons):

1. The following counties shall be open to the hunting of Sharptails and Sage Grouse from September 10, 1955 through September 18, 1955 with a daily bag and possession limit of three birds: Garfield, McCone, Prairie, Rosebud, Custer, Fallon, Treasure, Powder River and Carter.

2. The following counties shall be open to the hunting of Sharptails and Sage Grouse from September 18, 1955 through September 25, 1955 with a daily bag and possession limit of three birds: Liberty, Hill, Blaine, Phillips, Valley, Chouteau, Fergus, Petroleum, Wheatland, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Stillwater, Yellowstone, Big Horn and Carbon.

3. The following counties shall be open to the hunting of Sage Grouse from September 18, 1955 through September 19, 1955 with a daily bag and possession limit of two Sage Grouse: Beaverhead and Madison.

4. The following counties shall be open to the hunting of Sharp-tailed Grouse from September 25, 1955 through October 2, 1955 with a daily bag and possession limit of three birds: Daniels, Sheridan, Roosevelt, Richland, Dawson and Wibaux.

5. The following counties shall be open to the hunting of Sharp-tailed Grouse from September 18, 1955 through September 25, 1955 with a daily bag and possession limit of two birds: Toole, Pondera, Teton, Cascade, Judith Basin, Sweet Grass and Lewis and Clark County north and east of the Helena-Wolf Creek-Bowman Corner, and Rogers Pass Highways.

The Upland Game Bird Seasons and above orders were adopted on August 15, 1955.

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